



## A Reminder of Rules for Docks and Moorings on Lake George



### Do I Need A Permit?

#### No...

If you are repairing, maintaining or replacing in-kind your existing wharf **provided that:**

- Its current configuration was registered with the LGPC in 1981 or subsequently authorized by permit
- The repairs do not change the size, shape, location or height, and
- No work on cribbing below mean high water level is proposed

If you do not have a copy of the authorized configuration of your dock(s), or location of your mooring, please contact the Commission.

#### Yes...

If you are constructing, or modifying:

- Docks, including: piers, walkways, ramps, dock fingers, posts
- Boat Lifts
- Personal Watercraft (PWC) Lifts, i.e., lifts, ramps, platforms, etc.
- Boathouses, covered slips, or sundecks
- Crib support structures.
- Moorings

OR..

- Changing the type of construction, such as stake, crib, or articulating.

## What are the dock limits?

*The number of docks and moorings permitted is based on the amount of lakefront owned. The minimum lake frontage required for a new dock is 45 feet.*

**Length:** no greater than 40 ft. from the mean low water mark, no greater than 100 ft. from the mean high water mark.

**Width:** no more than 40 ft. along the shore, no pier greater than 8 ft. or less than 2 ft. wide.

**Size:** no greater than 700 sq. ft. counting all deck surface lakeward of the mean high water.

**Height:** no higher than 16 ft. from mean high water mark.

**Setbacks:** no closer than 20 ft. from adjacent property lines as extended into the lake on the same axis as the property line runs onshore where it meets the lake, or at a right angle to the mean high-water mark, whichever results in the greater setback.

## What are the mooring limits?

**Setbacks:** At full swing, no closer than 20 feet to adjacent property lines as extended into lake (see above).

**Offshore Distance:** At full swing, no part of the vessel or mooring may extend farther than 100 feet from the mean high water mark.

**Specifications:** At least one cubic foot of buoy must be above the water. Every buoy must be white with a one-inch blue stripe and one-inch strip of reflector tape placed around the buoy horizontally and visible above the waterline.

## Who can use my dock or mooring?

Residential docks can be used by the owner, owner's family (as defined by LGPC regulations), and temporary guests.

If you offer berthing on your dock or mooring, for a fee or otherwise, to anyone else, this changes your dock's classification to that of a marina.

Marina use requires prior approval from the Commission, whether for one boat or many, and includes payment of commercial fees. This excludes the use of a dock or mooring by deeded access from an upland parcel, or dock use as an accessory to a rental property.



## What about swim floats?

Swim floats of less than 100 square feet of surface area placed in the waters adjacent to, and within the boundaries of your shoreline and no further than 100 feet from shores may be placed without a permit.